

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An information reproducing apparatus for ~~reproducing record information from~~ generating audiovisual contents by simultaneously reproducing a plurality of pieces of enciphered material information, comprising:

a recording unit on which the ~~record information including~~ plurality of the pieces of enciphered material information respectively having the audiovisual contents ~~which~~ are temporally parallel to each other ~~is~~ are respectively independently enciphered and recorded, ~~comprising;~~

an obtaining device for obtaining plural deciphering information, ~~set in each of the pieces of material information,~~ each of the obtained plural deciphering information for deciphering a corresponding different one of the pieces of enciphered material information; and

a deciphering device for simultaneously deciphering the different ones of the enciphered material information, from the recording unit, ~~corresponding to the obtained deciphering information~~ on the basis of the obtained corresponding plural deciphering information to generate the audiovisual contents by simultaneously reproducing a plurality of the temporally parallel

contents from the pieces of enciphered material information
recorded on the recording unit.

2. (original) The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the material information is constituted by pieces of unit material information each having a predetermined amount of information, and

the deciphering information includes license information and identification information for identifying the pieces of unit material information which can be deciphered by the license information.

3. (original) The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the material information is constituted by a unit material information group constituted by pieces of unit material information each having a predetermined amount of information, and

the deciphering information includes license information and identification information for identifying the unit material information group which can be deciphered by the license information.

4. (original) The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the deciphering information includes license information and identification information for identifying the material information which can be deciphered by the license information.

5. (original) The information reproducing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein

the recording unit includes a first recording medium which records the record information and a second recording medium which records the license information such that the license information is prevented from being illegally used, and

the deciphering information further includes position information representing a recording position of the license information in the second recording medium.

6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) An information reproducing method for simultaneously reproducing ~~record~~ a plurality of pieces of enciphered material information from a recording medium on which the ~~record~~ plurality of pieces of enciphered material information ~~including~~ is recorded, the plurality of pieces of

enciphered material information having contents which are temporally parallel to each other ~~is recorded~~, comprising:

an obtaining process of obtaining plural deciphering information, ~~set in each of the pieces of material obtained~~ deciphering information[[,]] for deciphering a corresponding different one of the pieces of enciphered material information; and

a deciphering process of simultaneously deciphering the different ones of the pieces of enciphered material information corresponding to the obtained plural deciphering information ~~on the basis of the obtained deciphering information~~ to generate audiovisual contents by simultaneously reproducing a plurality of the temporal parallel contents from the pieces of enciphered material information recorded on the recording medium.

8. (currently amended) [[An]] A computer-readable medium embodying a computer program representing a sequence of instructions, which instructions when executed by a computer included in an information reproducing program wherein a computer included in an information reproducing apparatus for reproducing record information from a recording medium on which the record information including pieces of enciphered material information having contents which are temporally parallel to each other is recorded, is operated as apparatus, the instructions cause the computer to function as:

an obtaining device for obtaining plural deciphering information, ~~set in each of the pieces of material information,~~ for respectively deciphering ~~the~~ different pieces of enciphered material information; and

a deciphering device for deciphering simultaneously each of the different pieces of enciphered material information corresponding to the obtained plural deciphering information to generate audiovisual contents by simultaneously reproducing a plurality of temporal parallel contents from the different pieces of enciphered material information recorded ~~on the basis of the obtained deciphering information~~ a recording medium.

9. (cancelled)

10. (new) An information reproducing apparatus, comprising:

a receiver for receiving audiovisual information from a broadcast source;

a first recording medium connected to the receiver to accept the received audiovisual information and for storing the received audiovisual information as pieces of enciphered material information, the stored pieces of enciphered material information comprising temporally parallel contents, the pieces of enciphered material information being independently enciphered;

a deciphering information obtaining part connected to an input port for receiving plural deciphering information, each of the plural deciphering information respectively corresponding to a different one of the stored pieces of enciphered material information; and

a deciphering device applying each of the plural deciphering information to the corresponding different ones of the stored pieces of enciphered material information for simultaneously deciphering the corresponding plural ones of the stored pieces of enciphered material information to generate audiovisual contents by simultaneously reproducing a plurality of the temporal parallel contents from the pieces of enciphered material information recorded on the recording unit.

11. (new) An information reproducing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein,

the deciphering information obtaining part stores the received plural deciphering information in a second recording medium, and

the deciphering device is connected to the first and second recording medium to respectively obtain the stored pieces of enciphered material information and the corresponding plural deciphering information.

12. (new) An information reproducing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein,

the deciphering information obtaining part is configured to obtain selected ones of the plural deciphering information independently and at a time later than the receiver receiving the audiovisual information from the broadcast source, the selected ones of the plural deciphering information being stored on the second recording medium.

13. (new) An information reproducing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein,

the first recording medium is a hard drive, and
the second recording medium is a protection chip.

14. (new) An information reproducing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein,

the first recording medium is a hard drive, and
the second recording medium is a protection chip.